

e-Pennsylvania Alliance

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Region Covered: Pennsylvania (one DE health system also participating)

Meeting Location: Conference calls

Meeting Time: The e-Health Committee meets monthly. Transactions, S&P, and Education Workgroups meet more frequently. Hosted three quarterly roundtable meetings (Feb., May, Aug. 2001).

Convening Organization: The e-Pennsylvania Alliance, formerly known as the Pennsylvania Information Highway Consortium, is a 501 © (3) not-for-profit organization. It has been a key player in assisting state government and others to focus on the need to develop policies and programs targeted toward the growth and development of technology for use in business and industry and for improving the quality of life in our communities.

Website: www.e-paalliance.org

Key Leadership: See attached http://snip.wedi.org/public/articles/e-Health_Committee_2c.doc

Governance Protocols: See attached chart. Active participants in the e-Pennsylvania Alliance initiatives (including HIPAA) are asked to be members of the e-Pennsylvania Alliance. Annual membership dues are \$100 for an individual, and organizational dues range from \$150-\$2,000 depending on the type and size of the organization.

Membership list: See attached sheet. http://snip.wedi.org/public/articles/e-Health_Committee_2c.doc

Goals and Objectives: The e-Pennsylvania Alliance is uniquely positioned in PA to play a leadership role in a collaborative health care industry-wide process resulting in the implementation of technology-related standards. In conjunction with WEDI SNIP, the e-Pennsylvania Alliance has undertaken the role of facilitating the coordinated implementation of HIPAA Administrative Simplification regulations across the healthcare industry in PA. In November 2000, the Board of the e-Pennsylvania Alliance charged the e-Health Committee with the task of implementing its HIPAA initiative. In

March 2001, the e-Health Committee established three Working Groups (Transactions & Code Sets, Privacy & Security, and Education & Communications) to address the various areas impacted by HIPAA.